

**Resolutions
Passed at the
33rd Annual
Meeting of
Wheat Pool
Delegates**

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"Our social life is in essence but a long,
slow striving for the victory of justice
over force."

—John Galsworthy.

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WHEAT POOL
REGINA, SASK.

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is owned and controlled by its shareholders through the delegate body. One delegate is elected by members in each of the 167 Wheat Pool Sub-districts and the delegates elect the Board of Directors at 16 district delegates' meetings. Each delegate must stand for election annually. The President of the organization, for example, must be elected first as a delegate for his sub-district, then as director for his district and finally as President by the members of the Board of Directors. In this manner, members of the Pool maintain control of the organization. That is why the Pool is known as a democratic co-operative.

It has often been said by visitors to the Annual Meeting of Delegates that this meeting could be called "The Farmers' Parliament." These visitors have done so after witnessing the high calibre debates, discussions and suggestions expounded by the delegates. These discussions cover almost every phase of agriculture. This is borne out by a study of resolutions passed at annual meetings of Wheat Pool delegates.

It should be remembered that resolutions from country meetings are reaching Head Office almost daily and are usually included in the minutes sent in by committee secretaries.

All resolutions dealing with general policy, as well as policy affecting individual Divisions, are referred to the Board of Directors and to the Manager of the Division concerned.

Resolutions which require expenditure of capital funds are also referred to the Board of Directors and to the Manager of the Division concerned.

Resolutions dealing with day to day operations of the various Divisions, which normally come under the responsibility of Management, are referred to the Manager of the Division concerned.

This process goes on throughout the year and ensures that the opinion in the country

is placed before the Board of Directors and Management at all times.

During the Annual Meeting of Delegates the Resolutions Committee takes over and after summarizing and consolidating all resolutions presents them to the meeting.

The following is a list of resolutions passed at the 33rd Annual Meeting of Delegates of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:

Future Policy

1. The Future Policy recommendations submitted in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors and approved by the 33rd Annual Meeting of Delegates, are as follows:

- (1) That we urge the Federal Government to adopt a policy which will provide for deficiency payments being made on farm products, the marketing of which has resulted in unreasonably low returns to producers.
- (2) That as an immediate measure of assistance to the grain growers of Western Canada, deficiency payments should be provided in the immediate future on deliveries of wheat, oats and barley made to the Wheat Board in the crop year 1955-56 and on which the final Wheat Board settlement was made in May, 1957.
- (3) That the domestic price for wheat in Canada should be based on production costs and Canadian living standards, rather than on export market prices.

In this connection it is suggested that the recommendation of former years should be endorsed, namely,

That the domestic price for wheat should be established at a level not less than the existing maximum price (\$2.00 per bushel) under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement.

- (4) That we recommend to the Government that carrying charges on all grain in commercial storage positions at the end of each crop year should

be absorbed by the Government of Canada.

- (5) That we recommend that serious consideration should be given by the Government of Canada to the British proposal for the establishment of a free trade area between Canada and the United Kingdom.
- (6) That we urge the Government of Canada to establish a surplus disposal policy and provide leadership in developing international co-operation in the disposal of surplus food to the end that the needs of deficiency areas be met and the interests of food producers be protected.
- (7) That we recommend to the Government of Canada that they give serious consideration to increasing support for international relief and development schemes such as the Colombo Plan.
- (8) That we recommend a more realistic use of the Agricultural Prices Support Act as a means of maintaining adequate floor prices for agricultural products.
- (9) Your Board reaffirms its belief that producers' marketing boards under provincial and federal legislation can provide a practical method of marketing farm commodities other than grain. With respect to livestock, it is the opinion of your Board—

That best results can be secured through the operations of a national marketing scheme under producer control, rather than a provincial one; and, in the meantime, until such time as a Livestock Marketing Board is available, the increased use of existing co-operative livestock marketing facilities would be valuable to livestock producers.
- (10) That we recommend to the Federal Government that the national agricultural policy should provide for—
 - (a) An adequate scheme of crop insurance, the cost to be borne jointly by the Federal and Provincial Governments and the producers.

- (b) An increased co-ordination of Federal and Provincial Government programs for the maximum use of our soil and water resources to the end that producers may be assured adequate returns to enable them to improve their farms, diversify their products and plan their crops and rotations on a long-term basis.
- (11) An Interprovincial Committee of representatives of the three Pool Boards has had the matter of box car allocation under consideration during the past season. Following the appointment of a new Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Committee met with the Minister for a discussion of this problem. Your Board recommends—
- That we continue to urge the need for amendments to the Canada Grain Act to provide for the placing of box cars at country elevators in accordance with the farmers' preference, to the end that farmers may be able to deliver their grain to the country elevator of their choice.
- (12) Your Board recommends to the Government of Canada—
- That a Transport Controller should be appointed immediately.
- (13) Adequate farm credit is one of the greatest needs facing the farm industry today. Credit for young men with limited capital starting to farm, is urgently required. There are also many experienced farmers who are unable to expand their farm operations to a sound economic unit because of inability to secure adequate credit through ordinary channels. Your Board recommends—
- That the Government of Canada be asked to institute a system of agricultural credits in accordance with the policy proposed by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.
- (14) That we continue to urge the need for a Board of Livestock Commissioners to administer the Livestock and Livestock Products Act and to regulate trade practices where necessary.

Allocation of Surplus Earnings:

2. That the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning the allocation of surplus earnings, Season 1956-57, as set out in the Directors' Report, as follows:

Excess Charges Refund—	
Season 1956-57	\$3,386,400.00
Provision for Income taxes—	
estimated	548,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Account—	
estimated	577,897.75
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	\$4,512,297.75

be approved, and further—

That the share of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July, 1957, allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1956-57, and amounting to \$3,386,400.00, be distributed in proportion to patronage on all grain including rapeseed, and livestock, delivered by the members of the Company during the year ended 31st July, 1957, on the following basis:

Grain:

(a) Cash patronage dividend at the rate of .5c per bushel, estimated	\$ 743,500.00
(b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1.1c per bushel, to be used for the purchase at face value of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible categories as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated	1,635,700.00
(c) Patronage dividend at the rate of .6c per bushel, to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated	115,000.00
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	\$3,386,400.00

3. That when the retained patronage dividend on livestock deliveries has accumulated to the sum of \$5.00 or over, the full amount of the dividend should be paid out in cash.

Policy

4. That we recommend that if deficiency payments on grain are not made in the near future, a delegation sponsored by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be organized to go to Ottawa to press this matter, the delegation to be financed generally along the same lines as the 1942 delegation.

5. That we press for the establishment of The Canadian Wheat Board as the sole marketing agency for all grains, flax, rye and rapeseed grown in Western Canada.

6. That we recommend that the Government of Canada be asked to assume the cost of subsidies granted to flour millers.

7. That we recommend that the Canadian Wheat Board be asked to allow producers to deliver up to 50 bushels of wheat to their local elevator in lieu of gristing and present the storage tickets to a merchant or distributor as payment for flour; these storage tickets to be remitted to the Flour Mill by the distributor.

8. That we recommend that the Board of Directors investigate the possibility of handling and marketing rapeseed.

9. Whereas present support prices for hogs are inadequate and there is no support price for cattle; Resolved that we request—

(a) That the support price on dressed hogs be increased to 23c Saskatoon.

(b) That a support price be established on beef basis choice steers, that will grade "A" at 19c live weight, Saskatoon, and that these prices be reviewed annually by the Review Board.

10. Whereas a percentage of the hogs produced in Saskatchewan are consumed in Saskatchewan and do not enter into the freight picture at all; and Whereas a large

percentage of the hogs produced in Saskatchewan are shipped east either as dressed or cured pork at a far less cost than \$4.00 per cwt.:

Resolved that the spread of \$4.00 per cwt. is entirely unrealistic and does not represent a fair difference in the cost of transportation and we would therefore urge the Government of Canada to narrow the spread between Toronto and Saskatchewan to 3c per lb. instead of 4c per lb.

11. That we endorse the principle of the Egg Marketing Plan.

12. That we recommend that we endeavour to have the floor price on eggs placed on the producers' selling price.

13. That we recommend that the Board of Directors look into the feasibility of setting up a co-operative bank, in conjunction with other Pools and co-operatives.

14. That we recommend that the Board of Directors negotiate with the Saskatchewan Forage Crop Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association Limited to the end that amalgamation may take place between the two organizations by ways and means most beneficial to the producers as soon as it is deemed advisable.

15. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool investigate the practicability and feasibility of going into the packing plant business.

16. That we request the Government of Canada to set up unemployment insurance for farm labor.

17. Whereas cash advances are now established by Act of Parliament, and Whereas the farmer has the freedom to secure his advances at the elevator of his choice;

Resolved that the farmers' freedom be further protected whereby space will be made available in country elevators—thus making it possible for him to redeem his loan at the elevator at which it was issued, if he should so desire.

18. That we recommend that the Canada Grain Act be amended to provide that when

a farmer applies for his permit book he be allowed to indicate the elevator of his choice and that shipping orders and box cars be allocated on that basis.

19. Whereas under existing conditions farmers are forced to market their grain through other facilities than their own;

Resolved that we recommend that the Department of Trade and Commerce, through The Canadian Wheat Board, increase the allocation of shipping orders to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

The Canadian Wheat Board:

20. That we recommend that the Advisory Committee to The Canadian Wheat Board be asked to urge that the elevator agent handling the highest percentage of grain at shipping point be the Wheat Board key agent at that point.

21. Whereas due to the high cost of financing farming operations today, many farmers and their sons find it necessary to pool their equipment and work together, which under the Wheat Board regulations classifies them as a single farm unit, even though they have separate homes;

Resolved that we ask The Canadian Wheat Board to change their regulations so that a permit book may be issued to every bona fide resident farmer, regardless of what arrangement he may have for operating his farm.

22. That we recommend that serious consideration be given to the establishment of a continuous quota to enable The Canadian Wheat Board to maintain a more equitable quota program.

23. Whereas quota infringements are increasing in numbers, due to lax enforcement and inadequate penalties;

Resolved that we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board press to have the regulations more strictly enforced and seek maximum penalties on farmers and elevator agents concerned.

Country Elevator Division:

24. That we recommend that the elevator

system be streamlined and consolidated where this is practical.

25. That we recommend that handling charges be increased to cover costs and that storage charges be reduced.

26. That we recommend that Agents' Study Groups be continued.

Livestock Division:

27. That we recommend that the Livestock Division get more information to its members.

28. Whereas it is apparent that the Country Section of the Livestock Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is gradually losing out in the handling of livestock;

Resolved that the Board of Directors investigate fully all phases of assembling and shipping all livestock in Saskatchewan, with a view to providing a service more desirable and suitable to the needs of our members.

29. That we recommend that when livestock is delivered to Pool yards a receipt be given at the time of delivery.

30. That we recommend that the Livestock Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool approach the Alberta Livestock Co-operative to see what can be done about shipping finished cattle and hogs to the West Coast market.

31. That we recommend that a policy be formulated that would result in more feeding of livestock in the west and that the Board of Directors investigate the financial policy of the Alberta Feeders' Association.

32. That we recommend that commissions paid to agents who handle livestock for the Livestock Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be reviewed.

33. That we recommend that deductions for freight, commission, etc., be shown on hog statements as is done in the case of cattle shipments.

34. That we recommend that regulations under the Purebred Sire Act be amended so that no farmer in a purebred sire area

shall be allowed to keep a bull over 18 months of age which has not been graded as an "A" or "B" Sire.

35. That we recommend that the sale of 4-H animals be spaced so that these sales do not disrupt the market.

Printing and Publishing Division:

36. That while The Western Producer quota maps have been very valuable and are much appreciated, we would request that every effort be made to avoid recurrence of errors in publication of these maps.

37. That the regulation in regard to the length of letters in the "Open Forum" of The Western Producer be more strictly enforced.

Publicity

38. That we recommend that wider publicity be given to Pool future policy.

39. That we recommend that more publicity be given to the "cost-price squeeze" of western agriculture.

40. That we recommend that more publicity be given to Saskatchewan Wheat Pool students' bursaries in The Western Producer.

Country Organization:

41. That we recommend that a short course of instruction for Wheat Pool delegates be arranged, which would have as its objective more effective work in the country.

42. That we recommend that the sustenance allowance for directors and delegates be raised to a maximum of \$10.00 per day, retroactive to the beginning of the 33rd Annual Meeting.

Miscellaneous: I.W.A.

43. That we urge the Government of Canada to ask Great Britain to re-enter the International Wheat Agreement.

Agriculture Production:

44. That we record our disagreement with the principle of curtailing agricultural

production so long as there is a demand by people for food.

Delegates:

45. That we recommend that delegates who have served twenty-five years be given some form of recognition of their service.

Seed Cleaning:

46. That we ask for provincial assistance in the construction of seed cleaning plants.

Research:

47. That the Federal Department of Agriculture be asked to provide more funds for research on the control of ergot and the improvement of cereal grains.

48. Whereas an increase in the industrial use of agricultural products is very desirable;

Resolved that the Government of Canada adopt as part of their agricultural policy the advancement of the use of agricultural products for industrial purposes, and as the first step in such a program, that basic research in this field be greatly expanded.

Rapeseed:

49. That we recommend that our organization support the National and Saskatchewan Research Councils with finance and personnel in research to further develop uses for rapeseed.

50. Whereas the supply of oil bearing seeds is sufficient to meet the demand and an increase in production is possible;

Resolved that we recommend to the Board of Directors that they investigate the matter of imports of oils and oil bearing seeds and if found advisable to urge that a tariff be placed on imports of oils and oil bearing seeds.

51. That we recommend that further efforts be made to obtain a lower freight rate on rapeseed.

Weed Control:

52. That we recommend that we encourage research on weed control.

Quality of Grain:

53. Whereas the quality of Canadian grains vitally affects the sale of our grain;

Resolved that we recommend that regulations be established to discourage the growing of inferior strains of milling and macaroni wheat.

Miscellaneous: Quality of Feed:

54. That we recommend that the Government of Canada be asked to investigate the supervision over the quality of products sold by feed houses.

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55. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that a grant of \$10,000.00 be made to the EXTENSION DEPARTMENT of the University of Saskatchewan.

Veterinary College:

56. That we recommend that our Board of Directors press for the establishment of a Veterinary College in the Western provinces.

Study of Co-operation:

57. That we recommend that the study of co-operation be given more consideration in our public school curriculum.

Income Tax:

58. Whereas the surplus grain position has compelled farmers to build extra granaries;

Resolved that efforts be made to have the rate of depreciation for income tax purposes on these bins increased to 20%.

59. That we recommend that the Government of Canada be asked to increase the income tax exemptions to \$1,500.00 for single persons and \$3,000.00 for married persons.

C.P.R.

60. Whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway Company claims to be unable to operate under present rates, and

Whereas any further increase would be disastrous to our economy, especially agriculture;

Resolved that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool press for nationalization of the C.P.R.

61. That we recommend that we endeavour to secure running rights for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the Hudson Bay Railway in order to facilitate the movement of grain.

Wild Game:

62. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Government Insurance, in co-operation with the Department of Natural Resources, be asked to raise the per acre coverage on wild game damage and to re-adjust the cut-off date of application.

S.F.U.

63. That the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool take steps as soon as possible to acquaint the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union with what is involved in our request for an increase in handling charges.

Public Relations Eastern and Western Farm Organization:

64. That we recommend to the Board that appropriate steps be taken to encourage closer relationship between Eastern and Western farm organizations through an exchange of speakers at public meetings in the areas where meetings of The Canadian Federation of Agriculture are held, to the end that a better understanding of the problems faced by farmers in all parts of Canada may be developed.

Hundredweight System:

65. That we recommend that all grain business be conducted on the hundred-weight system.

Accident Insurance:

66. That the Board of Directors study accident insurance plans and submit a plan to the delegates at the spring district meetings.

Miscellaneous—Daylight Saving Time:

67. That we recommend that we go on record as being opposed to Daylight Sav-

ing Time and also to any change in time zone boundaries.

T.B. and Bang's Disease:

68. That we recommend that the Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to bring about the completion of making the Province of Saskatchewan a T.B. and Bang's free area.

Price of Propane Gas:

69. Whereas many farmers are now turning to propane gas for heating and agricultural uses, and

Whereas since the amalgamation of the two largest distributors less than a year ago the retail price of bulk propane gas has advanced 4c per gallon in Saskatchewan;

Resolved that we ask the Government of Canada to investigate the possibility of the existence of a monopoly and consequent price fixing in the distribution of propane gas in Saskatchewan.

Rat Control:

70. That we recommend that attempts should be made to have a province-wide compulsory rat control program established with a staff large enough to enforce it.

